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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2001, please amend the abovecaptioned Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** Claims 1-22 without prejudice to further prosecution.

Please AMEND Claim 23 so that it reads as follows:

A method of providing one of more of the following treatments to a mammal in need of such treatment: UV protection, removal and prevention of wrinkles, or stimulating collagen production in a mammal, said/method comprising,

identifying a mammal in need of such treatment, and

topically applying to said mammal a composition comprising greater than approximately-25% L-ascorbic acid, by weight, and a non-aqueous carrier, wherein the composition has a pH of greater than that of said mammal's skin.

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